# THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 with an opportunity for phone – in public participation, in the multipurpose room of the Senior Center, 8 Simpson Street, Newtown, CT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clinton DePaolo at 6:02 pm

Present: Clinton DePaolo, Jim Parker, Vincent Yanni, Warren Spencer, Aaron Britton, David Pavne

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson

Absent: Rance Thompson, RoseAnn Reggiano

Public: Ms. Alexa Larson- 211 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06801

Mr. Paul Jason- 2 Old Gate Lane, Newtown, CT 06470

#### **Public Participation:**

 Ms. Alexa Larson said she is still having communication issues and is still interested in doing the cybersecurity class through continuing Education, but not sure how to get in contact. Ms. Larson also explained she is having issues with the Victory Garden.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

• Acceptance of Minutes: Commissioner Warren Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2021 commission meeting. Commissioner Vincent Yanni seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the acceptance of the minutes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Dickinson Pavilion: Mr. Carl Samuelson went to look at the pavilion with Mr. John Moore and Mr. John Poeltl from the building department. Mr. Poeltl agrees with the engineer observations that the structure will need to be torn down and rebuilt. Mr. Samuelson explained that the original price of \$450,000 to rebuild in 2018 has since gone up significantly. He created a new budget for possible reconstruction (Attachments #1-#5). He explained that some features can be taken out to cut costs. He also explained that the pavilion is currently 50'x100' but due to new regulations the max width would be 44', but that it can be made longer to compensate for the lost space. Commissioner Vincent Yanni asked if there is a cut off for when the pavilion will be deemed unsafe to be under. Mr. Samuelson said that there is not official time span, but it is getting there.
- Temporary Pickleball Courts: Mr. Clinton DePaolo reported that lots of people have been using the courts since making improvements. Ms. Amy Mangold reported that The Bee recently did an article on the temporary courts. Ms. Mangold also reported that the second half of the courts will be done in the spring and made sure the article read they are temporary. Andy from The Bee did a great job on the article.
- *Bicycle Playground*: Ms. Amy Mangold reported that they had received approval from the Fairfield Hills Authority but is still waiting to get on the Land Use agenda to discuss it. Mr. George Benson and Mr. Rob Sibley told Ms. Mangold she has to go through

getting an adapted reuse approval form which contains many steps. Ms. Mangold is going through the process to get the property surveyed and create a site plan so they can go forward in having a public hearing, then from there have Land Use make their vote. The process is long but Ms. Mangold is doing her best to get it complete.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Review Field and Facility Use Manual, include schedule and bylaws requirements: Mr. Carl Samuelson explained that he thinks there should be verbiage in the manual requiring groups to annually submit bylaws/charters to Newtown Parks and Recreation. They should also be required to submit monthly or quarterly minutes and election votes. Board meetings for groups also need to be publicly noticed, and made available on the group's websites. Mr. Samuelson thinks these additions should be made on page 14 of the field use manual under categories A, B, &C. Mr. Samuelson also told the commission that changes should be made before the February meeting so the changes can be told to sports groups at the annual field use meeting at the end of February. He encouraged commission members to look over the manual and make notes if he thinks anything should be changed or added. Ms. Mangold also noted that new rules need to be submitted and Ms. Victoria Weimann has added this to the agreements.
- Budget 2022-2023: Mr. Clinton DePaolo told commission members they should be looking to see what they think should be added into the budget. (Attachments #6 & #7). He shared that the bicycle playground should be one and a new truck for the maintenance crew should be another. Mr. Aaron Britton asked if residents have every questioned what the budget has been spent on or if there has ever been a survey of some kind sent out to see what they think should be purchased in the budget. Mr. Carl Samuelson recalled 10-15 years ago how the public was asked but there wasn't much feedback. Ms. Amy Mangold mentioned how the public may not view or understand the needs of the department the same in regards to needing new equipment or machines.
- 2022 Fees: Ms. Amy Mangold shared the suggested fee changes for the following items; day camp at Dickinson and Treadwell, pool and beach passes, pavilion rentals, and boat slip rentals at Eichler's Cove. (Attachments #8, #9, & #10). Mr. Aaron Britton suggested adding another fee to the camp registration of \$5 per child per week as a late registration fee. Mr. Clinton DePaolo mentioned how this may not be fair to families who do not have the money to sign up early and it would be penalizing them for it. Mr. Vincent Yanni also pointed out that some families don't know their summer schedules until later in the spring/ early summer to be able to plan for camp. The following motions were made:
  - Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to increase day camp fees for residents and nonresidents. Commissioner Aaron Britton seconded that motion. All voted in favor.
  - Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to increase fees for the pool and beach season passes, pavilion rentals, and nonresident boat slips. Commissioner Aaron Britton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
  - Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to suspend the early bird discount on boat slips. Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
  - O Commissioner Aaron Britton made a motion to have a second price increase on day camp, no more than \$5/week as it gets later in the spring to increase revenue.

Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion. The motion did not pass the vote and failed.

#### Correspondence:

None

#### Chairman's Report:

## Clinton DePaolo, Chairman Newtown Parks and Recreation

None

#### **Directors Report**

## Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Amy Mangold reported that the equipment for the adaptive inclusive playground at Dickinson should be delivered on 1/20/2022. She also shared that The Lions club would like to have a ground breaking but Mr. Carl Samuelson pointed out that if that happens too early people may expect construction to begin soon after, however depending on the weather that is not certain.
- Ms. Mangold also shared the little free library with Newtown Allies for Change and Rotary at Treadwell Park is continuing to develop. Ms. Mangold and Mr. Samuelson met Melissa Houston at Treadwell Park to look at the area where she would like to install the library. She was supposed to drop the structure off at the maintenance garage but still has not done so.
- Ms. Mangold and Mr. Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning for the Land Use
  Dept. had a call with the technical team last week to design a grant scope for approval for
  a routing study from this area of our community to the Monroe rail trail with the Active
  Transportation Grant through CRCOG, DPH.
- The annual tree lighting at Rams Pasture will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Due to COVID the lighting will be a little different this year, Santa will be lighting the tree and leading carols, as well as doing letters to Santa.
- The winter preview is out with the Snow Much Fun event in January.
- Ms. Mangold shared that there will be a couple open positions within the department; the Part Time Secretary in the Maintenance garage, a maintainer position, as well as a combined Aquatics Director for the CC and P&R

## Assistant Director's Reports:

## RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

• See Attachments #11 through #15

## Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks:

• See Attachments #16 & #17

#### Commissioners out and about:

None

#### **Motions:**

• Acceptance of Minutes: Commissioner Warren Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2021 commission meeting. Commissioner Vincent Yanni seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the acceptance of the minutes.

#### Motions:

- Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to increase day camp fees for residents and nonresidents. Commissioner Aaron Britton seconded that motion. All voted in favor.
- Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to increase fees for the pool and beach season passes, pavilion rentals, and nonresident boat slips. Commissioner Aaron Britton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Commissioner Vincent Yanni made a motion to suspend the early bird discount on boat slips. Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Commissioner Aaron Britton made a motion to have a second price increase on day camp, no more than \$5/week as it gets later in the spring to increase revenue. Commissioner Warren Spencer seconded the motion. The motion did not pass the vote and failed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled of Tuesday, December 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the break room located at 2 Trades Lane, Newtown, CT unless changed to virtual due to COVID restrictions.

If you plan to attend this meeting and require assisted hearing devices, please contact the office of the First Selectman at (203) 270-4201 at least 48 hours in advance.

Submitted by,

Victoria Weimann, Clerk



Attachment #1

CARL SAMUELSON ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PAVILION COST UPDATE

New 50 X 100 Poligon structure including shipping (ME Obrien) kit Lighting Utilities – Install new electrical service to site from garage including low Voltage wiring for wi-fi. Includes transformer and grounding. Test borings Footings 14 footings @ \$2500 each (must verify soil loading) Concrete floor 6000 SF @ \$11 psf Demo and disposal of existing pavilion in house Crushed stone for drainage and concrete base Sitework, silt fence, footing excavation, slab prep, drainage Pavillion assembly approx. \$28/PSF	\$335,000 \$ 20,000 \$ 34,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 35,000 \$ 66,000 \$ 12,000 \$ 14,000 \$ 38,000 \$ 140,000
Total	¢(00,000

Total:

\$699,000

Shelter costs:

Poligon - Standard \$67 psf,

Natural Structures - Standard \$199 psf

Cedar Forest Products Hybrid -

#### **Options:**

Build structure in-house: Subtract \$140,000 and \$38,000 line items and add \$20,000 for equipment rental (Lull, compactor, misc) Ties up construction crew for approx. 4 months. \$541,000.00

Eliminate White cedar ceiling: Subtract \$40,000 (lose sound deadening for musical and theatrical events as well as gatherings) \$501,000.00

Eliminate Wifi: Subtract \$8000 for low voltage wiring and equipment \$493,000

Attachment #2





A

X

.07



thickness x 120 ft x 44 ft

MOST POPULAR Wood Grade & Warranty: California Redwood (15-yr Warranty) -

Fascia Board for Gutters: No, Thank you

Post Height: 9 ft - (MOST POPULAR)

Electrical Wiring Trim Kit: No, Thank you

Post Decorative Trim: No post decorative trim (standard post) -

×

\$805,620.00

(MOST POPULAR)

Post Anchoring: 26-post high-wind anchor kit

Accessory Bases & Shelving: No Ceiling Fan Base - (MOST

POPULAR)

Heavy Duty Curtain Rods & Stainless Steel Hangers: No Curtain

Rods - (MOST POPULAR)

Sealant: Transparent Premium Sealant - (RECOMMENDED)

Today's Deposit (20% of Order Total)	Total	Sub-Total
\$161,124.00	\$805,620.00	\$805,620.00



Approved by P	Capital Spending Approved by P & R Commission	2021-2022 Newtown Parks & Recreation Budget	

		_	$\top$	T	T -	<b>—</b>	Т	-	_		_							_	
-h =		16		14	13	12	11	10	9	0 00	7	6		л	4	ω	2	₽	Priority
fullfilled outside 2021	Doesn't include	Total	Bicycle playground at Fairfield Hills	Disc Golf Course at Treadwell Park	Expansion	Repair Multiple Keypad Entry Controllers	Repair Stairs & Loading Dock at P & R Shop	(allocated cost)	2008 Dump Truck Purchase Ventrac Seeder	Iractor Rental Sandblast Body & Frame of	replace lotated trailer	Aerators  Papings Table J. Tab	4th Request - Replace	3rd Request - Sidewalk	3rd Request (2) walk-behind mowers	Eaters/Back Pack Blowers	Groundmaster 1200 Cut-off Saw/Weed	4th Request Kubota 3010	
		\$365,600.00	\$80,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$9,600.00	\$30,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	*50,000.00	930000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$22,500.00	Proposed by Dept Head
		\$227,900,00	340 000 10	SEC.000.718-	\$30,000.00	8. 13. 13.	no arr see	h. 12.	go pá	STE FRANKE	31, 000 00	- 50 DATE (8)		%7 500 yr.	¥ ¥	20.00	20.00	ĕ	Reduced by Commission
		\$137,700.00 \$49,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$7.500.00	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$22,500.00	Approved by P  & R  Commission
		\$49,500.00		0 0 0	7.0			\$4,000.00							\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$26,500.00		Approv
			_	Use P&R Fundesignate T	Use current Refurbi	0.7	0.0.7			contractual services								Rental was in contractual services	Other
		anneid mills campus	struct a bicycle playgroud at	For design and completion of disc golf course at Ireadwell Park, providing healthy passive recreation enhance park features.	sh certain park components and install new	Keypad access at multipe facilities failing -see details page.		machine. Total cost \$8K, shared with Conservation		To keep pace with seasonal maintenance demands.	Replace enclosed trailor totaled by Insurance Co. Total Cost \$15K.	efficient aerator. See details pg	with	One-half of total cost \$15K) related to new sidewalk	Replace two 2004 SCAG walk-behind mowers.	Replace old gas units beyond repair. See details pg	14 ft tow behind rolary mower - cost covered through annual savings achieved thru reduced mowing contract		ed Other Description
		funds. Defer to later year.	Requires additional planning and exploration of grant	Engage consultant for course design before committing to construction.	Refurbish existing components - defer additional feature until later year.	Complete keypad repairs over three-year period. However, Comission again feels this is a maintenance expense and should be reflected elsewhere in operating budget.	P& R Commission feels this is a building maintenance problem which should be corrected immediately (in current Fr) through operating budget. Could save \$15K in labor! I done in horses.	Given request originated through Conservation	Prudent expenditure to extend truck's service life	Eliminated in favor of tractor purchase, as purchase cost covered through rental savings within 9 years (see priority 2 above)	This equipment should be purchased in current FY operating budget. Impractical to delay.	Defer purchase one year,			Parts for existing mowers not available, making them		Given total cost will be covered through savings in contractual services within 5 years, prudent purchase	Because purchase generates annual \$10K savings in tractor rental, this is a prudent purchase.	P & R Commission Rationale

Past budget item considerations	
Disc Golf Course	
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	
FFH Outdoor Fitness Center	
Paddleboat Rentals	possible expnasion to kayak or stand-up paddle board?
Portable Banstand	
Raise NMS Baseball Field to	
make more usable	
Complete Watertown Field	
Complex with parking	
Field Replacements	
Farm/Orchard Park	

		Resident	TACIL-VERIGEDE	Kesident	Non-kesident	でからこのこれ	NOS DOS DOS +	フト・・・	BI - 3
ogram Site	LENGTH	FEE 2022	FEE 2022	FEE 2021	FEE 2021	FFF 2020	EFF 2020	vesidelit	NOII-NESIDENT
Treadwell	5 days	\$ 175.00	\$ 230.00	\$165.00	\$220.00	\$165.00	\$220.00	\$165.00	\$220.00
	4 days	\$140.00	\$184.00	\$132.00	\$176.00	\$132.00	\$176.00	\$132.00	\$176.00
	7 weeks	\$1,075.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,000.00	\$1.350.00
DICKINSON	5 day	\$ 175.00	\$ 230.00	\$165.00	\$220.00	\$165.00	\$220.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
	4 days	\$140.00	\$184.00	\$132.00	\$176.00	\$132.00	\$176.00	\$120.00	\$ 160.00
	7 weeks	\$1,075.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,350.00	\$915.00	\$1,225.00
ol Beach Passes Family of 4	14 weeks	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Additional member	ber 14 weeks	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
Individual	14 weeks	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Day	14 weeks	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$30,00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	00.00.tc
6 Visits	14 weeks	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	14 weeks	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
readwell	1 day	\$225.00	\$425.00	\$200.00	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$375.00
Dickinson Treadwell 8.	1 day	\$225.00	\$425.00	\$200.00	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$375.00
Dickinson									
Businesses	1 day	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$150 00
Non Profit	1 day	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
pool pass w							1	7100.00	Ú.00.00
Treadwell	per head	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$8.00	\$13.00	\$8.00	\$13.00	\$8.00	\$13.00
Band Shell	1 day	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$175.00	\$350.00
after A			•					-	70000
Band Shell	700	II/ a	11/4	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$90.00
Businesses	4 hours	n/a	n/a	\$250.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
Band Shell Business	ess								
hourly after 4	per hour	n/a	n/a	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	)	) )
Fairfield Hills	1 day	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	00.0TT¢	00.01T¢
Fairfield Hills				4,0,00	0.00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	00.00	\$/5.00	\$150.00
Businesses	1 day	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

4300.00	4. 10.00										tax included	
\$960 OO	\$745 00		\$960.00	\$745.00	\$960.00	\$745.00	\$960.00	\$745.00	27 weeks		Eichler's Cove	t Ski
71,000.00	7-): 00:00											t Ski
\$2,060,00	\$1,760.00	over 19 ft	\$2.060.00	\$1,760.00	\$2,060.00	\$1,760.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$1,760.00	bird	over 19 ft		
									after park			
\$1,860.00	\$1,560.00	over 19 ft	\$1,860.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,860.00	\$1,560.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$1,660.00	early bird	over 19 ft		
\$1,750.00	\$1,450.00	Under	\$1,750.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,450.00	bird	Under	tax included	
		19ft							after Early	19ft		
\$1,550.00	\$1,250.00	Under	\$1,550.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,350.00	Early Bird	Under	Eichler's Cove	arina
		19ft							27 weeks	19ft		
\$200.00	\$100.00	bird	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00		bird	tax included	y Storage
		After early								After early		
\$181.00	10	Early bi	\$181.00	\$91.00	\$181.00	\$91.00	\$181.00	\$91.00	27 weeks	Early bird	Season	y Storage
\$30.00	\$0.00		\$30.00	\$0.00					29 weeks		Senior	
\$60.00	\$30.00		\$60.00	\$30.00	A	N/	Α	N/A	29 weeks		Single	
\$150.00	\$75.00		\$150.00	\$75.00					29 weeks		tamily	gn school Pool
\$400.00	\$200.00		\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	4 hours			1
\$20.00	\$0.00		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	1 Day		Day	
\$150.00	\$0.00		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	14 weeks		Season	rmit
\$300.00	\$150.00		\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	27 weeks		Eichler's Cove	unch
711.00	1			•							Lake Lillinonah &	
\$12 00	\$12.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	(3)		people	
									lifeguard		over 30 or more	
									hourly per		Picnic area & beach	
\$12.00	\$12.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	(2)		up to 29 people	
									lifeguard	_	Picnic area & beach	
									hourly per			
\$400.00	\$200.00		\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	1 day		Picnic area & beach	
FEE 2019	FEE 2019		FEE 2020	FEE 2020	FEE 2021	FEE 2021	FEE 2022	FEE 2022	LENGTH		Site	ogram
Resident	Resident		Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident				
										-	THE LINSTILL	M 111,

non resident should of been \$1960.00. For in 2021 we decreased early bird discount by \$100.00. Pavlion increase for Treadwell and Dickinson by \$25 per day. Pool pass with Treadwell pavilion rental by \$2.00. Eichler's Cove beach rental only increase is the lifeguard hourly rate to \$15.00. Marina, in 2021 the fees for 19 ft and under residents should of been \$1350.00 and non-residents should of been \$1650.00; Resident Over 19ft resident should of bee Increasing Day Camp fees by \$10 per week. Pool Beach Passes by \$25 for season and increase 6 visits by \$10.00 NOTE 2022 FEES TIMENT HID

**NOTES 2020 FEES** 

2022 - Commission voted

NOTE 2021 FEES:

Therefore no increase for residents in 2022, the only increase is non residents by \$100,00, to be more consistent with other non resident fees.

no early Bird dissount tees will be adjusted (11-10-2021

All fees remain the same due to covid

Only increase is Dickinson Day Camp

NOTES 2019 FEES:

Discount for multiple rentals? boat and kayak slip give a special price or rental of 2 dry storage or slips? Only increase is for the boat launch and dry storage. Only sold 21 boat launch passes, should we increase? Dry storage we had a waitlist.

Lockers needed for dry storage area Parking permit per slip rental even if same family - yes approved by commission 12/11/18

Slips increase 16 1/2 %. All fees include tax. Set fee for 19ft and under, then add \$300 to other fees - this is for early bird. After early bird add \$200 to each fee from some

Attachment #1:

Currently finishing up on winter programming for December 2021/2022 open for registration beginning on December 1.

Working on summer 2022 job applications to have them ready to be sent out by Thanksgiving. Deadline for applications will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are currently looking for a Site Director of Treadwell Day Camp.

We will be running a full seven single weeks for day camp along with extended day care, from June 20 to August 5. We will also offer an 8<sup>th</sup> week at Dickinson Day camp, August 8 to 12.

TOWN HALL SOUTH 3 MAIN STREET NEWTOWN, CT 06470 TEL. (203) 270-4340 FAX (203) 270-4333 www.newtown-ct.gov



RoseAnn Reggiano
Assistant Director Recreation

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT www.newtown-ct.gov

TO:

Parks and Recreation Commission

Amy Mangold, Director

FROM:

Rose Ann Reggiano, Assistant Director - Recreation

DATE:

November 9, 2021

RE:

**Monthly Report** 

We had our Spookatuclar Halloween event on October 27 at the Community Center. We had 125 to 160 participants attend this event. We had a DJ party and games along with a hayride. Thank you John Moore and David White for driving the tractors. All had fun. We also had Robek's of Newtown attend and pass out smoothies, CH Booth library, New York Life, Michael Count with a win a prize wheel and SDSS Martial Arts of Newtown, who provided and an obstacle course and a chance to break a board in two. Best costumes went home with a Pumpkin donated by Castle Hill Farm. Nico who kids attended day camp this past summer was our DJ. We raised \$795.00.

Scarecrow contest was a success again, 28 lampposts were adopted for scarecrows. Participants said this was an awesome event, so happy you people did it again. The winners Frist Place - Newtown Pride: The Newtown Bee; Most Original: 2nd Governor's Horse Guard; People's Choice: Girls Scout Junior Troop 50113. Honorable Mention: UK Gourmet, Church Hill Village, Pleasant Paws Pet Center, Newsylum Brewing Company, Mt Pleasant Hospital of Animals, Newtown Veterinary Specialists and The Rieve Family. Thank you to all of our sponsors of this fabulous event, Mt Pleasant Hospital for Animals, BD Provisions, Pleasant Paws Pet Center, Good Directions, Casino Kennels, Aquila Winery, UK Gourmet, Newtown Hardware, Boost Bowls, and QuiXpress Car Wash. We raised \$600.00

The 11<sup>th</sup> Howl O Ween Dog event was scheduled for October 30 and we had to cancel event and go virtual. We had over 25 dogs participate online.

The winners were Best in Show, Cinderella and her Prince Charming – Danielle Cloutier; Cutest, I love Lucy and Desi Stratton – Michelle Statton; Most Original OG and D"OG" the Bounty Hunter – Rae Ellie Corsillo; Scariest Cappy as a Spider – Valerie Cains Moss and K-9 Human Look A Like Cobalt in Little Red Riding Hood – Deidre Bough.

Torpedoes Swim Team started a month later on November 1. The High School balcony will be open this year with a limited number allowed, up to 50. We have 91 swimmers this season. We will also being having live meets.



NEWTOWN JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 50113

COOKIE Monster

PEOPLE'S CHOICE



NEWTOWN BEE NEWTOWN PRIDE



**2<sup>ND</sup> GOVERNOR'S HORSE GUARD** 

MOST DRIGINAL

ENTITLED "OOPS!"

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY 2 TRADES LANE NEWTOWN, CT 06470 TEL. (203) 270-4340 FAX (203) 270-4333



#### CARL SAMUELSON ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

TO:

Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission,

Amy Mangold, Director

FROM:

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director - Parks

DATE:

November 9, 2021

RE:

Monthly park update and field report

We are fully on leaf clean up and winterization tasks at this point. We are putting out dormant fertilizer and continuing to complete seasonal cultural practices.

<u>Dickinson Park:</u> The sinkhole found in fun space surfacing has been repaired. The bathrooms and irrigation are now winterized. Leaves have had an initial clean up as well.

<u>Newtown Middle School:</u> Fall sports continue here. Normal mowing painting and grooming continues.

Orchard Hill: No new news here.

Lake Lillinonah: the dock has been removed for the season.

Oakview: Regular mowing and lining here continues. The irrigation has been winterized.

**Tilson Field:** No new news.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: The irrigation here has been fully winterized. The fields remain busy with fall sports.

<u>Glander Fields</u>: All of the irrigation has been winterized here. Grooming and lining as well as regular leaf blowing continues here.

<u>Liberty Fields</u>: We have groomed and lined for a couple of weekend softball tournaments. Irrigation winterization is complete.

Walnut Tree: No new news here.

Fairfield Hills: Regular leaf cleanup continues. The hill behind the community center was cut for community center events. We helped set up and give hay rides for Halloween. All of the FFH campus irrigation systems have been winterized. Wood chips have been delivered to the Victory Garden as requested and four of the eight pickle ball court renovations are complete

NHS Fields: All of the irrigation here has been winterized. Grooming lining and mowing continues for fall sports.

Sandy Hook School: The irrigation here has been winterized.

Hawley School Fields: No new news here. Regular mowing and lining continues here.

<u>Eichlers Cove Marina:</u> Dock removal is complete. The swim rope has been pulled and the water lines have all been winterized. The heat has been turned on for the season in the garage.

**<u>Dog Park:</u>** The water features have all been winterized.

<u>Treadwell Park:</u> We have started the paver project here and will be working on it until the ground freezes. All of the irrigation and bathrooms have been winterized here. We ran new power lines for the lighting surrounding the pool.

Pole Bridge Preserve: No new news here

<u>Watertown Field:</u> These fields are groomed and lined on a regular basis for fall sports. The irrigation system is fully winterized here.

#### Staff:

• 152 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 9.5% loss in workforce.